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Honorable Loretta A. Preska United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1320 New York, New York 10007

Re:

United States v. Raphael Vargas,

08 Cr. 37 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

A pre-trial conference in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for May 7, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. However, there have been on-going discussions in this case regarding a possible disposition. The Government also spoke today with your deputy, Megan Phillips, who indicated that June 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. may be a convenient time for the Court.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the pre-trial conference be postponed until June 10, 2008, and that time be excluded until then in order for the parties to continue their discussions. Howard Getz, Esq., counsel for Mr. Vargas, has no objection to this request.

in the interests of justice

So ordered

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Respectfully submitted,

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